

## Claims

sub 1. A network system including a plurality of users connected through a plurality of  
AB 7 client terminal devices connected to a network, comprising:

5 an image information storing device connected to the network, and configured to store  
image information for the plurality of users;

an image information inputting device connected to the image information storing  
device, and configured to input image information including both document image  
information to be stored in the image information storing device and format image  
information;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image  
information input by the image information inputting device includes the format image  
information; and

wherein the image information storing device is further configured to store the  
document image information in the image information storing device based on the format  
image information.

2. A network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information and user group  
information.

sub 3. A network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:  
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20 said image information storing device is further configured to store image information  
having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

4. A network system as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

said image information determining device is further configured to determine if the format image information input by the image information inputting device is related to document start information and document end information; and

5       said image information storing device is further configured to store image information read from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the document start information and the document end information as one image file.

5. A network system as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said image information determining device is further configured to determine if the format image information input by the image information inputting device is related to document start information and document end information; and

said image information storing device is further configured to store image information read from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the document start information and the document end information as one image file.

15       6. A network system as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

said image information determining device is further configured to determine if the format image information input by the image information inputting device includes document end information; and

20       said image information storing device is further configured to store image information read from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the image information and the document end information as one image file.

7. A network system as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said image information determining device is further configured to determine if the format image information input by the image information inputting device includes document end information; and

5        said image information storing device is further configured to store image information read from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the image information and the document end information as one image file.

8. A network system including a plurality of users connected through a plurality of client terminal devices connected to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing image information for the plurality of users;

inputting means for inputting image information including both of document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and format image information;

15        determining means for determining if the input information input to the inputting means includes the format image information; and

wherein the storing means further stores the document image information based on the format image information.

9. A network system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

20        the format image information includes at least one of user information and user group information.

10. A network system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

said storing means stores image information having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

11. A network system as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

5 said determining means further determines if the format image information input to the inputting means is related to document start information and document end information; and

said storing means further stores image information from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the document start information and the document end information as one image file.

12. A network system as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

6 said determining means further determines if the format image information input to the inputting means is related to document start information and document end information; and

15 said storing means further stores image information from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the document start information and the document end information as one image file.

13. A network system as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

20 said determining means further determines if the format image information input to the inputting means includes document end information; and

said storing means further stores image information input from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the image information and the document end information as one image file.

14. A network system as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

5 said determining means further determines if the format image information input to the inputting means includes document end information; and

said storing means further stores image information input from original documents during a time period between inputting operations for the image information and the document end information as one image file.

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A47 15. A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users connected through a plurality of client terminal devices connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing image information for the plurality of users;

15 inputting image information including both document image information to be stored and format image information;

determining if the input image information includes the format image information;  
and

storing the document image information in the image information storing device based on the format image information.

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C17 16. A method for controlling a network system as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information or user group information.

17. A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 15, wherein:  
in said storing step image information having a plurality of pages of original  
5 documents is stored as one image file.

18. A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 16, wherein:  
in said determining step it is further determined if the format image information is  
related to document start information and document end information; and  
in said storing step image information read from original documents is stored during a  
10 time period between inputting operations for the document start information and the  
document end information as one image file.

19. A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 17, wherein:  
in said determining step it is further determined if the format image information is  
related to document start information and document end information; and  
15 in said storing step image information read from original documents is stored during a  
time period between inputting operations for the document start information and the  
document end information as one image file.

20. A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 16, wherein:  
in said determining step it is further determined if the format image information  
includes document end information; and

in said image storing step image information read from original documents is stored  
5 during a time period between inputting operations for the image information and the  
document end information as one image file.

21. A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 17, wherein:  
in said determining step it is further determined if the format image information  
includes document end information; and

in said image storing step image information read from original documents is stored  
during a time period between inputting operations for the image information and the  
document end information as one image file.

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